

Remarks

The Examiner has objected to the used of "false" when referring to the "yes" output on page 3, line 21. This has been corrected with the amendment to the specification.

The Examiner has rejected claim 3 under 35 USC 112. Claim 3 has been cancelled.

The Examiner has objected to the use of "false" and "recording" in claim 1. These have been corrected in the amendment to claim 1. Applicants note that "marking" is used in the specification as an indication of track condition. Applicants also note that "recording" and writing are used synonymously by those skilled in the art of magnetic recording.

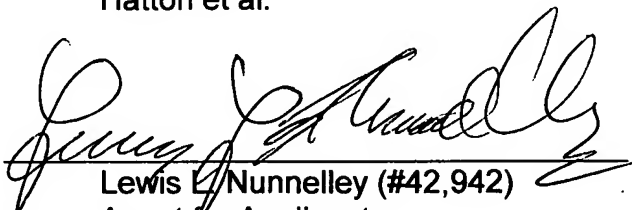
The Examiner has rejected claims 3 and 4 as being anticipated by Ukani (US 5,870,243). Claims 3 and 4 have been cancelled.

Applicants now believe that claim 1 is in condition of allowance. Claim 2 now depends from allowable claim 1. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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